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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears in the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 15 January 2002 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on 15 January 2002. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: None.

Claim(s) objected to: None.

Claim(s) rejected: 20-36.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: None.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: See Continuation Sheet

Continuation of 2. NOTE: The proposed amendment does not overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph rejections regarding dosage ranges versus concentration ranges or support for percent ranges based on weight, raises issues of new matter and raises new 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph issues. The specification discloses dosage ranges of phytohormonal extracts and thickening agents, but does not disclose concentration ranges based on weight as instantly claimed. See paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action mailed July 18, 2001, paper no. 10. The sentence, "All ranges are in % by weight," in the amendment is new matter. The specification as originally filed does not provide support for all of the present ranges based on weight. The proposed amendment to claim 20 raises 112, 2nd paragraph issues as to whether the Kigelia extracts are part of the Markush group. Additionally, if the amendment were entered, all of the claims would be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of paper no. 10.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: it does not overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraph rejections of the claims presented in the Office Action of July 18, 2001.

Continuation of 10. Other: The marked up version of the amendments is improper. In the future, please provide a typed marked up version of amendments in the customary format, i.e. brackets and underlining..

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